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SUBJ: CHATCHAI ON HIS TALKS WITH LONG BORET

FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
APRIL 7. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON HIS TALKS WITH GKR PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET.

REPORTER: PRINCE SIHANOUK GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE IN PEKING
VERY RECENTLY, IN WHICH HE APPEALED TO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE
NOT RECOGNIZED HIM YET TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO HIM BEFORE
PHNOM PENH FALLS.

CHATCHAI: THE PRINCIPLE ADHERED TO IS THAT HE MUST BE IN
PHNOM PENH FIRST, BECAUSE IT IS THE CAPITAL CITY OF CAMBODIA,
BUT HE HAS NOT ENTERED IT YET. I BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATIONS
MIGHT BE HELD.

REPORTER: IN WHAT FORM?

CHATCHAI: PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS, IN ORDER TO MEET AND
HOLD TALKS.

REPORTER: WHERE WILL CONTACTS BE MADE?

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CHATCHAI: I UNDERSTAND THAT PREMIER LONG BORET IS

ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT THE RED CAMBODIAN SIDE IN ORDER TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS. HE GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE METHOD BY WHICH TO HAVE A CEASEFIRE, THEN TO RESTORE PEACE TO CAMBODIA. IT IS FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD ONLY, NOT BY USE OF ARMED FORCES.

REPORTER: BUT THE OTHER SIDE SAYS IT WILL REFUSE TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS.

CHATCHAI: EFFORTS MUST BE MADE FOR TALKS TO BE HELD AT ALL COSTS. I HAVE NOT MET HIM YET THIS MORNING.

REPORTER: IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO LATE FOR A MEETING TO BE HELD.

CHATCHAI: NOTHING IS EVER TOO LATE IF EFFORTS ARE MADE.

REPORTER: WERE ANY TALKS HELD ON THE SUBJECT OF EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO SIHANOUK'S CAMBODIA?

CHATCHAI: NO TALKS ON ANY SUBJECT AT ALL HAVE BEEN HELD. LONG BORET HAS COME HERE THIS TIME IN TRANSIT. HE IS PASSING THROUGHT ONLY SO I HAVE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIM AND HOLD SOME CONSULTATIONS OR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIM. I WILL MEET HIM THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL HOLD SOME TALKS WITH HIM.
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